

## ORGANIZED LABOR MAY ASK PATTEN TO STOP TRADING FOR REGISTRATION

First Meeting of Taft and  
Gompers Since the Cam-  
paign.

## TAFT WILL REFUSE SEVERAL REQUESTS

President to Acquiesce in Petition  
For An Employers' Lia-  
bility Law.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.  
Organized labor is making its plea  
this afternoon to the President of the  
United States for the legislation it be-  
lieves to be necessary for its welfare.  
Samuel Gompers, president of the  
American Federation of Labor, and the  
members of the executive council of the  
Federation, went to the White House  
at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon and im-  
mediately the conference began. Con-  
sidering that no man fought so hard as  
Gompers to prevent Mr. Taft's elec-  
tion to the Presidency, today's confer-  
ence is one of the most interesting the  
President has held since his inaugura-  
tion.

Gompers, who assailed Taft and, in  
turn, was assailed by Taft, is asking  
the President to incorporate in his next  
message to Congress recommendations  
for the laws organized labor seeks to  
put on the statute books.

It is safe to predict that some of  
labor's demands are doomed to meet  
with discouragement by this Adminis-  
tration, not because of any ill feeling  
between Taft and Gompers, but be-  
cause of the President's often repeated  
declaration of how he stands in regard  
to these demands.

What organized labor wants can be  
defined about as follows:

1. Amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law so that it shall not interfere with labor's right to strike and boycott.
2. Legislation which will prevent the so-called "abuse of the power of injunction by the courts."
3. Rigid enforcement of the law for an eight-hour day on all Government work.
4. The enactment of a Government liability law, insuring the payment of damages by the United States to any one injured in the service of the Government.

It is also barely possible that in the  
conference today Mr. Taft will be told  
that labor wants greater protection  
than are now the rule put on the  
admission of foreign laborers into this  
country.

Gompers Has Little Chance.

There is small chance that this Ad-  
ministration will amend the Sherman  
law as Mr. Gompers and his associates  
desire. There is also an equally small  
chance that any legislation will be  
enacted to interfere with the present  
procedure of the courts in the matter  
of injunctions.

That the requests for an eight-hour  
day and a Government liability law will  
be met with acquiescence by Mr. Taft is  
not doubted by those who are familiar  
with his views on the subjects involved.

The refusal of the first two requests  
will be in line with Mr. Taft's campaign  
declarations. Indeed, if Mr. Gompers'  
articles in the American Federationist  
are to be taken as indicating his final  
opinion of the President's policies, it is  
safe to assume that the executive coun-  
cil went to the White House today  
with little hope of having their first  
two demands received with favor.

Mr. Gompers has recently published an  
article in which he was extremely pen-  
sive about the Taft attitude toward  
organized labor.

The President's Attitude.

On the other hand, the President, de-  
spite the bitter warfare waged against  
him by the labor unions of the entire  
country in the campaign, has said re-  
peatedly that no Administration could  
be fairer to the demands of labor than  
his will be. But that he will refuse to  
go beyond what he has already said  
down in his public speeches is certain.

In the height of the campaign, he  
made no apology for his record in  
labor decisions while he was on the  
bench, and he is in no frame of mind  
to do it now.

Today's conference is for the purpose  
of his hearing labor's demands prelimi-  
nary to his making up his mind what  
he will say in regard to the labor mes-  
sage to the regular session of Con-  
gress next fall. This is in line with  
his wish to collect before he leaves  
Washington all the information and  
data necessary for the preparation of  
his message during the summer.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

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in portions of the Ohio and the lower  
Arkansas valleys and the Gulf States,  
but have changed but little in other sec-  
tions.

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Saturday in the lower Lake region and  
the northern portion of the middle At-  
lantic States, while in the Ohio Valley  
and the South fair weather will prevail.

It will be somewhat warmer Saturday  
in the interior districts.  
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coast will be light to moderate east to  
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Fair tonight. Saturday increasing  
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## MAY ASK PATTEN TO STOP TRADING

Members of Chicago Board  
of Trade Fear People's  
Ill Will.

## SECRETARY WILSON EXPECTS A SLUMP

Says Joseph Was the Only Success-  
ful Manipulator of a Wheat  
Corner.

CHICAGO, April 15.—The prospect of  
Congressional action directed at the  
present wheat situation, combined with  
the fact that wheat slumped so vio-  
lently at the close yesterday, created a  
nervous feeling in the pit when it  
opened today.

The situation is regarded as critical  
by brokers. Some believe yesterday's  
break presages the final dissolution  
of Patten's so-called "corner," while  
traders with bull tendencies declare it  
was only a temporary set-back occa-  
sioned by overplaying the market by  
shorts.

At the same time it is said that the  
popular outcry against raising the prices  
of wheat and the enforced increases in  
the prices of flour and bread, and the  
introduction of the Scott bill in Con-  
gress, have been directed to the at-  
tention of the Board of Trade  
directors. One rumor today is that the  
directors of the board have about de-  
cided to ask Patten to cease his manipu-  
lation for the present, and permit  
prices to slump, in order to discount the  
cry of a "bread famine."

## Fear Scott Bill.

The directors fear, it is said, that un-  
less something is done, to "break the  
corner," there will be such strong pub-  
lic sentiment behind the movement that  
it will surely become a law. Another  
rumor is that secret agents of the De-  
partment of Commerce and Labor have  
been working quietly in Chicago for a  
week, investigating the wheat corner  
and its causes.

It became known today that Patten  
has employed a bodyguard to be near  
him at all hours of the day and night to  
prevent violence should any be offered.  
May wheat make another violent  
break shortly after the opening drop-  
ping to 1.25-4. This is a slump of a  
cent and a half for the opening  
figures, July and September wheat  
both reached fractionally in sympathy.

## WASHINGTON LIKELY TO EAT SMALL LOAF

An increase in the price of bread is  
being threatened by many Washington  
bakers as the result of the Patten cor-  
ner in wheat. The four mills have al-  
ready advanced the price of their prod-  
uct 40 cents a barrel.

A number of large and small bakers  
of the city interviewed today are di-  
vided however in their opinion as to  
the prospect of a change in the price  
or size of loaves. Some of the larger  
bakers are disposed to believe that the  
corner will not last long, and that the  
old price of flour will soon be restored.

Several smaller bakers, on the other  
hand, declared emphatically that a re-  
duction in the size of the loaf or an  
increase in the price is apparently their  
only resort.

In other cities many bakers have al-  
ready advanced the price of their  
products, securing from the public the  
extra money which they have to pay  
through the four dealers to the wheat  
gamblers.

## May Reduce Loaf.

Joseph Ottenberg, proprietor of a  
bakery at 124 Seventh street northwest,  
said that while he had not yet reduced  
the size of his loaf, something would  
have to be done or he would have to  
go out of business.

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## FOUR PERSONS DIE IN TENEMENT FIRE

Six Injured and Fifteen Are  
Missing After San Fran-  
cisco Blaze.

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## WILL NOT ATTEND RECEPTION



MRS. MATTHEW T. SCOTT,  
Administration Candidate for Presidency of D. A. R.

## CONFEREES AGREE ON CENSUS BILL

Committees Decide to Eliminate  
McCumber Amend-  
ment.

The McCumber amendment was  
knocked out of the Census bill at a  
meeting of the Senate and House com-  
mittees this afternoon.

This amendment has caused wide-  
spread interest among Government em-  
ployees in the District. It provided that  
any applicant for a position of a civil  
service nature who desired to take an  
examination and to be credited to a  
particular State or Territory must have  
been an actual resident in that State  
or Territory for a year before taking  
the examination.

The effect of this amendment would  
have been to work great hardships on  
many persons in the District who de-  
sired to obtain employment under the  
civil service and to be credited to  
States in which they had not actually  
resided for a considerable period.

While the amendment was put in the  
Census bill it was merely to census  
employees, but to all branches of the  
Government service. Many objections  
were raised to it.

When the conferees met today they  
concluded that the census bill was no  
place for legislation of such great im-  
portance and that it was enacted it  
should be as a separate measure and  
should be worked out carefully in de-  
tail. It was, therefore, stricken out  
entirely.

The conferees reached an agreement  
on the bill this afternoon and decided  
to retain the Senate provision allow-  
ing \$750,000 for a new census building  
and site. The Senate provision as to  
general appointment of the additional  
employees among the several States was  
retained.

## GAUS CRITICALLY ILL.

ALBANY, April 15.—Stats Comptroller  
Charles H. Gaus, who went to Florida  
for his health, is reported to be seri-  
ously ill at Atlantic City, where he was  
compelled to stop on his return trip. His  
physicians hold out little hope of his  
recovery.

## RIVER GIVES UP BODY OF JOSEPH H. PAINTER

Corpse Found in Upper Potomac Is Identified as That  
of Botanist, Who, With Robert S. Wallis, Was  
Drowned December 6.

Floating in the upper Potomac near  
the District line, a body which was iden-  
tified as that of Jos. H. Painter, 733 Girard  
street northwest, a botanist at the Na-  
tional Museum, who, with Robert S.  
Wallis, of 1248 Eleventh street north-  
west, was drowned by the overturning  
of a canoe December 6, was discovered  
this morning by Joseph Fletcher, whose  
father conducts a boathouse at the foot  
of New Cut road.

The body had evidently been in the  
water several months, and is so badly  
decomposed that the only means of  
identification is the clothing—a pair of  
corduroy trousers and a sweater.

Fletcher, upon sighting the corpse, put  
it in a small boat and dragged it to  
shore, and then notified the police of  
the Seventh precinct. The body was  
taken to the Morgue by the Harbor  
police.

The drowning of Painter and young

## D. A. R. RECEPTION IS DOUBLE POSER

Mrs. Scott and Mrs. McLean  
Decline Mrs. Sherman's  
Invitation.

## ANXIOUS TO HEAR FROM MRS. STORY

Will She Attend, Members Ask, Or  
Also Decide to Stay  
Away.

Mrs. William Cummings Story, anti-  
administration candidate for president  
general of the Daughters of the Ameri-  
can Revolution, will face a diplomatic  
problem when she reaches Washington  
this afternoon and learns that Mrs.  
Donald McLean and other administra-  
tionists have declined to attend a re-  
ception to be given the Daughters by  
the Vice President and Mrs. Sherman  
tomorrow.

The declinations are based upon the  
fact that Mrs. Story has been asked to  
be in the receiving line and to present  
the Daughters to the Vice President and  
his wife. She was selected by Mrs.  
Sherman because she is at present the  
State regent of New York.

More than one Daughter has asked  
today what will be the attitude of Mrs.  
Story when she ascertains the stir that  
has been created by Mrs. Sherman's un-  
witting action in thus honoring her.  
Mrs. Sherman herself is known to be  
somewhat worried over the matter, and  
says that she had no idea that the re-  
ception would be designated a partisan  
one. The wife of the Vice President is  
but a recent member of the society, and  
had no intention of taking sides in the  
coming fight.

## Some Suggestions.

Some hint that Mrs. Story might ask  
that she be relieved of making the pre-  
sentations in the interest of harmony;  
others of the insurgents say the action  
of the administrationists cannot hurt  
Mrs. Story's cause, and that it is purely  
a matter for each Daughter to decide  
whether she can attend.

Mrs. Scott, the administration candi-  
date, had not decided last night whether  
she could attend. This morning she  
said she found it impossible to accept  
the invitation on account of previous  
engagements.

Mrs. McLean, in announcing that it  
would be impossible for her to attend,  
said: "The president general has to say,  
with reference to the reception to be  
given the Daughters by the Vice Presi-  
dent and Mrs. Sherman tomorrow after-  
noon, that she will not be able to at-  
tend, under such circumstances, not  
withstanding her regard for the Vice  
President and Mrs. Sherman. The  
president general is of the opinion that  
the Daughters should not be made  
aware of the situation in D. A. R. circles  
when the invitations were issued."

## Mrs. Sherman's Plans.

Mrs. Sherman has explained that  
when she issued the invitations to the  
Daughters to the reception, she was  
under the impression that the recep-  
tion was to be a purely social affair,  
and she wished to convey that idea  
without regard to their political affilia-  
tions. She did not stop to consider at  
that time, she explains, that because  
Mrs. Story was to present the Daugh-  
ters to the reception would be deemed  
a partisan one by the opposition.

Mrs. Sherman and the insurgent gen-  
eral were friends when the wife of the  
then Representative lived at Upton  
as many members of the New York  
delegation had expressed a desire to  
meet Mrs. Sherman and her husband  
and lady in the land she decided  
upon a general reception to the entire  
society.

## Tea Tomorrow Afternoon.

Mrs. Sherman's tea is to be given at  
the New Willard Hotel tomorrow after-  
noon at 5 o'clock. It will be attended  
by a large number of Daughters, scores  
of whom are arriving in the city today,  
just to what extent the administration-  
ists will follow the lead of Mrs. McLean  
and Mrs. Scott remains to be seen.

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## INHABITANTS FLEE FROM MOUNT ETNA

Famous Volcano Is Now  
Belching Great Showers  
of Cinders.

PALERMO, April 15.—The complete  
destruction of the country around Mt.  
Etna is threatened today as a result  
of the increased activity of the volcano.

Inhabitants in the neighborhood have  
been warned to flee for their lives. Mt.  
Etna showed renewed activity early in  
the week and then subsided. It is now  
violent, however, and showers of cin-  
ders are falling for miles around.

There is much uneasiness regarding  
the safety of several parties of scient-  
ists who have been exploring both Mt.  
Etna and Stromboli, the latter also be-  
ing active again.

## SHIP CLAN MACIVER NOW LONG OVERDUE

BOSTON, April 15.—Anxiety is felt  
here because of the continued non-  
arrival of the British steamer Clan  
Maciver from Calcutta, now consid-  
erably overdue.

She was last reported passing St.  
Michael's, Azores, fourteen days ago.  
The run from the Azores to Boston is  
covered in six days. The White Star  
liner Romanic sailed from there for  
Boston four days after the Clan Maci-  
vor, and arrived four days ago.

## YOUNG TURK ARMY MARCHES TO TAKE SULTAN'S CAPITAL

Troops Loyal to Recently Ousted Party—Leave Salo-  
nika and Are on Way to Constantinople,  
Where Confusion Reigns.

## NEW GRAND VIZIER SAID TO HAVE QUIT

Every Effort Being Made by Abdul to Check Uprising  
Other Powers Look for Dismemberment  
of the Ottoman Empire.

SALONIKA, Turkey, April 15.—Two  
battalions of troops are today marching  
against Constantinople, determined to  
overthrow the new regime, and again  
place the Young Turks in power.

The first battalion started from here  
last evening, and a second got under  
way this morning. The rest of the Sec-  
ond Corps is preparing to start as soon  
as it can be got ready.

It is expected that the Third Army  
Corps will also join in the advance  
upon the capital. The movement is in-  
spired by the Young Turks who are  
making their headquarters here since  
being driven from Constantinople.

## On To Constantinople.

The soldiers have been urged to reach  
the capital with the greatest possible  
speed, in order to save the lives of the  
Young Turks' officers, who are still im-  
prisoned in the Constantinople bar-  
racks.

Emissaries of the new regime are try-  
ing to prevent the Third army corps  
from joining the movement, but the  
Young Turks declare that they have  
received assurances of support from  
this corps. Twenty battalions of the  
Third corps are now here.

If the Third corps throws its fortunes  
with the Young Turks it is considered  
almost certain that the capital can be  
captured and an end put to the new  
regime.

## Provisional Government.

Ahmed Riza, the deposed president of  
the Turkish parliament, arrived here to-  
day, and immediately began the organ-  
ization of the provisional government  
which will shortly be proclaimed.

The Young Turks count on the loyalty  
of both the second and third army  
corps.

It is feared the authorities will mas-  
sacre the officers of the Young Turks,  
who are still prisoners in Constantinople,  
withstanding the statement  
that they were liberated yesterday.

## TAFT WILL STOP AT PETERSBURG

President Agrees to Spend  
Entire Day in the Vir-  
ginia City.

The President today accepted an in-  
vitation to speak May 19 at the unveil-  
ing of the monument erected at Fort  
Mahone, Va., by the State of Pennsylv-  
ania in memory of the Civil War dead  
who fell in battle on that field.

Fort Mahone is near Petersburg, Va.,  
and Mr. Taft agreed to spend the entire  
day of May 19 in Petersburg. From  
there, he will go directly to Mecklen-  
burg, N. C., where he will speak the  
following day at that town's celebra-  
tion of the having signed the Declara-  
tion of Independence a year ahead of  
Thomas Jefferson's document, and then  
back to the White House, that the most  
necessary qualification of a President is  
to be able to refuse invitations. He  
added, however, that he could not re-  
fuse one.

Those in the delegation were:  
Representative Joseph D. Brown, head of  
the Pennsylvania battlefields' commis-  
sion; State senator John E. Fox, chair-  
man of the joint legislative committee  
which had charge of the erection of the  
memorial for Pennsylvania; Senator  
Hartley W. Hays, of Virginia; Mayor  
Petersburg; W. N. Jones, chairman of  
the Petersburg board of aldermen; N.  
T. Patterson, president of the Peters-  
burg city council, and Charles Hall  
Davis, president of the Petersburg  
chamber of commerce.

Senator Fox presented to the Presi-  
dent a letter from Governor Stuart of  
Pennsylvania, and Senator Martin pre-  
sented a similar communication from  
Governor Swanson of Virginia.

President Taft arrived in Washing-  
ton from his trip to New York and  
New Haven at 7:15 o'clock this morn-  
ing. Mrs. Taft, who went with him,  
did not return this morning. She will  
remain in New York for several days  
to do spring shopping.

The President's automobile was  
awaiting him at the Union Station,  
and he went directly to the White  
House where he had a meeting with  
the cabinet. He was in his office and ready  
for the day's work by 9 o'clock.

As soon as the took their seats, the daily  
stream of callers began to pour in.

## CINCINNATI, April 15.—President

Taft is now a member of Kilwinning  
Lodge of Masons. He was unanimously  
elected a member at a stated meeting  
held in the Masonic temple here.

When President Taft was made a  
"Mason at sight," February 18, he did  
not become a member of any lodge,  
and was in the position of a "Mason  
at large." He expressed a desire to be  
affiliated with Kilwinning, of which his  
father, the late Judge Alphonso Taft,  
was one of the early members, and of  
which his brother, Charles P. Taft, has  
been a member.

## Floral Work For Weddings.

Let Shaffer, 14th & I, have your order.

—Adv.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 15.—Grand  
Vizier Tewfik Pasha, resigned his of-  
fice today with the information of the ad-  
vance against the capital by the troops  
from Salonika, it is reported on the  
streets.

The moment the news of the report-  
ed advance of several battalions of  
the second army corps against Con-  
stantinople was known here, the  
Sultan ordered the Anatolian Guard  
to surround the palace.

The Anatolian troops are considered  
the most loyal in the empire, as they  
have a grudge against the Young  
Turks, who expelled many of them  
from the country for their participa-  
tion in an alleged reactionary move-  
ment.

The reported disaffection of the sec-  
ond army corps lacks official con-  
firmation. Messages are passing be-  
tween Constantinople and Salonika in  
a desperate effort to prevent the up-  
rising of the thousands of soldiers  
who are now quartered there.

The complete elimination of the  
Young Turks from participation in the  
new government was effected by par-  
liamentary action, and the members  
attending the regular sessions of the  
body should henceforth be classed as  
traitors and expelled.

The Young Turks, who form a ma-  
jority of parliament, are still in hiding  
and would risk their lives were they  
to venture to the parliament building.  
They will therefore be declared traitors  
and expelled.

There is a great deal of rioting in  
the city and the list of victims  
grows daily.

## Massacre Ship's Commander.

Gen. Moukhtar Pasha was able to  
embark on an English yacht yesterday  
and is considered to be in safety. Arif  
Bey, commander of the Turkish battle-  
ship Assar, who ordered the open-  
ing of his ship's guns against the  
Yildiz Kiosk, was seized by the crew  
and massacred.

A thousand sailors took part in a  
manifestation in front of the parliament  
and the Yildiz Kiosk, calling for the  
dismissal of the new minister of marine,  
Vice Admiral Adjem Pasha.

At the sitting of parliament, which  
was with closed doors, 150 deputies were  
present. They issued a proclamation  
today to the people inviting them  
to remain calm, and promising to  
guarantee the constitution. The new  
ministry will communicate its program  
to the parliament on Monday.

The Yildiz Kiosk, the Sofia, pub-  
lished an address to the Sultan, be-  
seeding him not to recognize the con-  
stitution and to appoint him as the al-  
lowed and absolute head of the nation.

The Sultan has ordered the return of  
the troops which formed the garrison  
at Yildiz, which had been with-  
drawn by the last cabinet and replaced  
with Marshal Shevket Pasha's com-  
mand. The Sultan has also appointed  
Gen. Nazim Pasha commander of the  
Anatolian troops.

The troops have acclaimed Nazim  
Pasha governor of Pera. All the police  
officers, including the Nazim Pasha  
committee, have taken flight, but in  
spite of that complete tranquillity pre-  
vails. Two officers were shot by the  
soldiers in their barracks, however.

## Nazim Pasha Elevated.